Loktak Downstream H.E. Project

4051. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Loktak Downstream H.E. Project has not commenced even now;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the service position of qualified local engineers to the works of Loktak Downstream H.E. Project; and

(d) the target date of completion of the work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) :.(a) and (b) The Loktak Downstream H.E. Project (90 MW) in Manipur was accorded investment sanction by the Government of India in December, 1999.

Work at the project has not been able to take off due to the adverse security environment and problems encountered in the acquisition of land. Local villagers had obtained a stay order from the High Court at Guwahati against the setting up of a fresh Committee by the Government of Manipur to go into the issue of land and crop compensation arising out of the execution of the Project. The Stay has since been vacated and a Committee has been constituted to assess the quantum of compensation in Heu of land and crops.

Ministry of Power has been following up with the State Government to provide requisite security and arrange for accommodation to be provided to the security personnel, ft had been decided, in consultation with Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur that all arrangements would be tied up early so that work commences by 1 st October, 2001.

(c) At present, there are seven qualified engineers belonging to the State of Manipur posted at Loktak Downstream H.E. Project.

(d) The project is expected to be completed within six and a half years from the date of start of work.

Use of Ganga water by NTPC* Kahalgaon in Bihar

†4052. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be

pleased to state:

(a) the Ganga water in terms of gallon being used per day by NTPC, Kahalgaon for power generation and other project works;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.